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Community  
with a Vision  
for the Future

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Winter 2005/2006

## Village Board Completes Emergency Plan

Village of Barrington President Karen Darch and Board of Trustees have developed an emergency and disaster preparedness plan for the community working in conjunction with the Barrington-Inverness Police Department, the Barrington Fire Department, the Cook County Emergency Management Agency and the Lake County Emergency Management Agency.

"As we have seen recently, a community can be devastated by natural disaster or touched by an accident or terrorist event," Darch said. "The Village of Barrington has a disaster and emergency preparedness plan in place, through which all agencies will work together in a coordinated effort."

Darch and other presidents in Cook County participated in a workshop co-sponsored by the

U.S. Department of Homeland Security to learn the importance of having an emergency plan in place before a disaster occurs.

The Village of Barrington would utilize the local cable channel, Channel 4, and the village website ([www.barrington-il.gov](http://www.barrington-il.gov)) to disseminate information to the public in an emergency, as well as through press conferences with the local media. For more information call the Barrington-Inverness Police Department at (847) 304-3300.



## Police Bring Homeland Security Into the Home

Armed with new cutting-edge technology called SCAN, the Barrington-Inverness Police Department announced that it will soon begin sending public safety warnings and emergency alerts directly to the computers, mobile phones, PDA's, pagers and fax machines of the residents it serves. Important alerts about sexual predators, neighborhood crime, local terrorist acts and Amber alerts will now reach community members in a matter of moments - no matter where they are. The Barrington-Inverness Police Department is encouraging its residents to register free of charge to receive the alerts at [www.scanusa.com](http://www.scanusa.com).

"Until now, the people we protect and serve have only had one-way communication with law enforcement," said Police Chief Jeff Lawler. "Thanks to SCAN, now we can contact people directly and give them the information they need to protect their families from

dangerous activities or emergencies in our community."

SCAN is the first national alert system that allows local public safety and law enforcement departments to broadcast localized emergency information directly to the computers, mobile phones and PDAs of its citizens. With SCAN, public safety agencies can communicate almost instantaneously with residents to provide them with information that can help protect their family, friends and neighbors.

Registered users can opt to receive several types of alerts regarding sexual predators, neighborhood crimes, homeland security, Amber alerts, and many others. SCAN is provided at no cost to public safety agencies or taxpayers. All citizens are invited to visit [www.scanusa.com](http://www.scanusa.com) to register to receive alerts and more information.

# 5th Annual Scarecrow Festival

On October 15th, Barrington celebrated its 5th Annual Scarecrow Festival at the Barrington Memorial Park on Hough Street. Representatives from the Barrington Community Child Care Center graciously hosted several children's games and a representative from the Silver Unicorn provided face painting for the entire afternoon. Pumpkin painting, scarecrow building, cookie decorating, a moonwalk and slide, and free hayrides were all part of the days events. As part of the festival, businesses built their own scarecrows and residents were encouraged to vote for their favorites. On October 24th, the following prizes were awarded:

**Community Child Care Center**  
560 Carl Avenue



**Health World Children's Museum**  
1301 S Grove Avenue



**Police Department**  
400 N Northwest Highway



**Corporate Identity**  
223 W Main Street



Joshua & Jack Turnquest create a scarecrow celebrating the Chicago White Sox



Max Marcordes designs a master piece on his pumpkin.





## Barrington Tree Lighting Celebration

Saturday, Dec. 3, 2005

4:45 P.M.

Corner of Main Street  
& South Cook Street

After the  
ceremony,  
walk to the  
Train  
Station for  
some  
cookies, refreshments,  
holiday carolers and a visit  
with Santa.



Come downtown for  
**FREE**  
carriage rides from  
3:00 – 6:00 P.M.  
touring the South Cook  
Street area.

## Gift Ideas

Looking for a special gift for the person who has everything? Why not consider a gift that will last a lifetime - a personalized brick at Barrington Memorial Park. Bricks can be purchased now for installation in May 2006. Certificates can be purchased at the Village Hall. For more information, please call Heather at 847-304-3421. Or purchase a gift certificate through the Chamber of Commerce which can be used at hundreds of participating businesses throughout Barrington. Chamber certificates can be purchased at 1(877)770-4438 or [www.barringtonchamber.com](http://www.barringtonchamber.com).

## IMPORTANT MEETINGS



*Meetings are held at Village Hall, 200 S. Hough St,  
unless noted, and are open to the public.  
Call 304-3400 for information.*

### November:

14	Finance & Administration	6:30 p.m.
14	Public Works Committee	6:45 p.m.
14	Village Board	8:00 p.m.
15	Plan Commission	7:00 p.m.
17	Architectural Review Com	7:00 p.m.
28	Village Board	8:00 p.m.

### December:

01	Planning Zoning Econ Dev	6:00 p.m.
05	Fire & Police Commission	9:00 a.m.
05	Finance & Administration	6:30 p.m.
05	Village Board	8:00 p.m.
06	Zoning Board of Appeals	7:00 p.m.
12	Public Works Committee	6:45 p.m.
12	Village Board	8:00 p.m.
13	Plan Commission	7:00 p.m.
15	Architectural Review Com	7:00 p.m.

### January 2006 (Tentative):

03	Zoning Board of Appeals	7:00 p.m.
09	Village Board	8:00 p.m.
23	Village Board	8:00 p.m.
30	Committee of the Whole	7:00 p.m.



## GIFT CERTIFICATE

*For Holiday 2005, your gift will be an engraved brick in  
Barrington Memorial Park.*

to

from

**Happy Holidays!**



## OTBV to Sponsor Holiday Decorating Contest

Where's the best Christmas display in Barrington? Our Town Barrington Volunteers (OTBV) is inviting residents and businesses in Barrington to "Light the Way for Santa", by entering OTBV's Christmas outdoor decorating contest.

Winners in three categories - businesses, individual residences and neighborhoods - will be awarded a five-foot holiday decoration, courtesy of Pasquesi Home and Gardens.

A team of judges will view the entries on Tuesday, December 20 between 7 and 9 p.m. Entrants must be located in the Village of Barrington. If you'd like to enter, leave a message with OTBV at 847-304-3656. Be sure

to include the entrant's name, address and contact telephone number. Winners will receive the holiday display before Christmas, and will be posted on OTBV's web site.



Our Town Barrington Volunteers is a partnership among members of the Barrington-area community. Its mission is to support and maintain a strong and vital downtown Barrington. For information about OTBV, visit its web site at [www.ourtownbarrington.org](http://www.ourtownbarrington.org).

## In Case of Emergency (I.C.E.) Phone # Storage



The Barrington-Inverness Police Department is joining with crisis personnel around the world in encouraging residents to store emergency information such as vital health and contact information in the address book of their

mobile cell phones under the name "I.C.E.", which stands for *In Case of Emergency*, with the name and number of the person you would want contacted in the event you are unable to provide information.

"In an emergency situation, rescuers will be able to quickly determine the name of the next of kin as well as quickly contact that person by simply scrolling through the phone," said Police Chief Jeff Lawler. "With this new campaign to get people to store emergency information in their cell phones, your mobile phone could save your life."

Here's what to do: Create a new listing in your mobile phone address book called "ICE" and store the number of the best person(s) to contact in case of emergency. Research shows that more than 75 % of people carry no details of who they would like telephoned following a serious accident.

It should be noted that ICE entries are most

likely to be of use to hospital personnel and police. ICE entries in cell phones should be used **in addition** to more standard forms of identification. Add ICE to your cell phone only after you have affixed similar information to the official photo identification you routinely carry.

The Department of Homeland Security recommends that citizens look at the department's emergency preparedness site, [www.ready.gov](http://www.ready.gov), for next-of-kin details and other emergency information, such as the "family contingency plan" sheet that can be downloaded from the site. These are wallet-size cards that can be distributed to family members with space for details about next of kin, out of town contacts and other important telephone numbers.

Adding the ICE entry into a cell phone does not trigger premium charges. Rumors have circulated that malicious text messages or viruses randomly sent to phones can scan for such entries. These false warnings are hoaxes and no such danger exists.

The importance of people choosing their ICE partner thoughtfully is also highly stressed, especially if they are required to give consent for emergency medical treatment.

For more information, contact the Barrington-Inverness Police Department at (847)304-3300.

# Hazardous Waste Pick-up

## SWANCC Household Hazardous Collection

Event Sponsored by the Illinois EPA:

[www.swancc.org](http://www.swancc.org)

All events are from 8:00 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. (rain or shine)

**NOVEMBER19:** Mundelein - Metra Train Station Parking Lot - 205 North Archer Avenue

## LATEX PAINT WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED AT ANY OF THESE EVENTS

The following materials are typical household chemical wastes that are usually included in a one-day HCW drop-off event. To help you determine if something is a household chemical waste, look for the words "danger" "toxic" "flammable" "corrosive and/or "reactive" somewhere on the products packaging.

## MATERIALS ACCEPTED

Oil based paint, solvents, old prescriptions, used motor oil, household cleaners, household batteries (alkaline & rechargeable), antifreeze, garden/lawn chemicals, pool chemicals, asbestos, old gasoline, fungicides, insecticides, pesticides, metal polishes, paint remover, driveway sealer, drain cleaner, aerosol products, hobby chemicals, mercury (including thermometers & thermostats).




## MATERIALS "NOT" ACCEPTED

Business/ institutional wastes, explosives/ ammunition, fire extinguishers, lead-acid batteries, tires, latex paint, agricultural chemicals, fireworks, propane tanks, smoke detectors, & medical wastes.

Tires & lead acid batteries (auto & boat batteries) can be recycled at any retail outlet that sells them. Residents can call SWALCO at 847-336-9340 for further information on the HCW collection events or call Barrington Public Works at 847-381-7903.

# Christmas Tree Chipping Program

The Public Works Department will be chipping Christmas trees in order to recycle rather than placing them into land fills. Public Works crews **will not** pick up wreaths or garland. Please Note: Groot will not pick up your tree. To protect Public Works employees, please follow these guidelines:

-  Remove the stand & hardware
-  Remove the ornaments, lights, & decorations
-  Remove plastic bags, any strings, or wire used to move or tie up your tree



## SAFETY FIRST!

Decorative lights should never be used on metallic trees. Candles should never be used on trees. Use only flame-retardant or non-combustible decorations. Keep presents and gifts away from lighting. Be sure that the gifts themselves are fire-safe. Do not use indoor lights out-of-doors. All outdoor lights should be weatherproofed. Install and maintain smoke alarms.

## CHRISTMAS TREE PICK UP SCHEDULE

**North of Main Street:**  
Place tree at curb early on  
Monday, January 9

**South of Main Street:**  
Place tree at curb early on  
Monday, January 16

## Winter Parking Nov 1 through March 31

Residents are reminded that when snow accumulation is over 2", parking is not permitted **anytime** on residential streets outside of the Business District and after 1:00 a.m. within the District until snow removal operations are complete. As a reminder, parking is not permitted on all Village streets between the hours of 1:00 a.m. until 6:00 a.m. Please refrain from parking on the street until after all snow and ice control efforts have been completed.



All programs end with time for officials to ask questions about real situations in their town or township. Individuals who are unable to attend may borrow the BACOG training binder which contains handouts, materials and the audio/video tapes of the program. Training binders are also available on loan to residents of the BACOG area.

BACOG's training programs are designed to address the interests of our communities. They help cut the learning curve for new officials, keep others up-to-date, provide opportunities for officials and staff from neighboring communities to meet and network, and effect cost savings through shared programs. And as always, BACOG's activities encourage communication, regional thinking, and intergovernmental cooperation.

## **BACOG HIGHLIGHTS**

### **STATE OF OUR REGION II**

The Barrington Area Chamber of Commerce (BACC) and the Barrington Area Council of Governments (BACOG) co-hosted a second annual legislative breakfast for business leaders and governmental officials on October 7, 2005. The event featured keynote speaker Kenneth A. Alderson, Executive Director, Illinois Municipal League, who talked about the synergy of government and business for regional legislative action and enhanced effectiveness.

State Senators Wendell Jones (R-27) and Pamela Althoff (R-32), and State Representatives Mark Beaubien (R-52), Suzanne Bassi (R-54), and Edwin Sullivan (R-51) discussed bills that are pending with the state legislature that could affect local governments and businesses. A conversation between legislators and audience of BACC and BACOG members and officials followed, including the topics of transportation, zoning control, municipal shared revenues, health insurance and sales tax.

Legislators stressed the importance of communication to residents about the effects proposed legislation, and noted the cooperative efforts of BACOG and BACC, standing as one to promote the needs of the Barrington region.

### **TRAIN STATION PARKING PERMIT**

The South Commuter Parking Lot at the Metra Station in Barrington is reserved for residents who live within the incorporated limits of a BACOG community or the unincorporated areas of Barrington or Cuba Townships. Permits are processed in the order in which they are received with the incorporated Village of Barrington residents having the first opportunity as these permits become available. Proof of residency is required and certain terms and conditions apply. For more information or to receive an application to be placed on the waiting list, please call the Village of Barrington at 847-304-3400, or log on to [www.barrington-il.gov](http://www.barrington-il.gov).

### **COMMUNITY DRUG PREVENTION COALITION**

Area school districts, social service agencies, parents, law enforcement, and local governments have formed the Community Drug Prevention Coalition (CDPC) and have been making strides since inception in December 2004 to develop strategies and engage the community in helping achieve its vision to "create a caring community free from substance abuse".

The CDPC's mission is to reverse the trend of alcohol, tobacco and other drug (ATOD) abuse in our community through education, prevention and intervention strategies and encouraging healthy alternatives. This mission will be addressed through working groups guided by a Framework Plan of goals and key strategies that has been developed.

An initiative of the CDPC is the formation of a Youth Advisory Committee (YAC) comprised of area teens that will work with the CDPC. The YAC will bring together teens from clubs, organizations and churches to communicate what they are presently doing about ATOD problems and how youth can work to promote positive change regarding drug and alcohol use.

In January 2006, the CDPC will distribute to households with middle school and high school students in CUSD 220 a survey about parents' perceptions of ATOD by area students. Replies will be completely anonymous. Area parents are encouraged to return the survey so the CDPC can establish a baseline of perceptions as a tool to measure progress of CDPC efforts. Statistics on actually ATOD incidents and service provision also are being collected as a baseline against which to measure the effectiveness of new programs.

The CDPC is still in start-up mode, and the community is invited to participate. For more information about the coalition or if you would like to join the effort, contact the BACOG office at 847-381-7871 or email [BACOG@bacog.org](mailto:BACOG@bacog.org).

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# BACOG NEWS

Barrington Area Council of Governments

2005 Bi-annual #2

## Our Mission:

*"To Foster Cooperation and Strategies to Address Regional Challenges and Support the Comprehensive Plan"*

**The Barrington Area Council of Governments (BACOG)** is a voluntary association of elected officials representing seven villages and two townships in the Barrington area. BACOG is a regional planning organization that serves to foster discussion, to study area needs, and to promote coordination of activities to solve problems of a regional nature.

### **BACOG Member Governmental Units:**

South Barrington	Frank J. Munao, Jr., Village President and 2005-2006 BACOG Chairperson
Barrington	Karen Y. Darch, Village President
Barrington Township	Eugene "Gene" Dawson, Supervisor
Barrington Hills	Robert G. Abboud, Village President
Cuba Township	David Nelson, Supervisor
Deer Park	H. Scott Gifford, Village President
Lake Barrington	Kevin C. Richardson, Village President
North Barrington	Bruce J. Sauer, Village President
Tower Lakes	Leonard J. Kuskowski, Village President

July 1<sup>st</sup> was the start of the new program year for BACOG, with all the changes that entails. The Executive Board elected new officers who will serve through June of 2006. Congratulations to Frank Munao of South Barrington who will serve as Chairman, and Scott Gifford of Deer Park who will serve as Vice-Chairman. BACOG also welcomed newly-elected village presidents Robert Abboud of Barrington Hills, Karen Darch of Barrington, Kevin Richardson of Lake Barrington and Bruce Sauer of North Barrington.

The elected officials of this area are busy, energetic people who serve not only their residents but also the regional community. Each member is involved in one or more BACOG committees such as: the Legislative Committee which develops the region's "Legislative Platform"; the Water Resources Committee which studies groundwater quantity, quality and location; and a new planning group which will look at edge development and the regional comprehensive plan. Welcome to all, and I look forward to an exciting year with our nine member government leaders.

*Janet L. Agnoletti, Executive Director*

## **CUTTING THE LEARNING CURVE**

Local elections are often a time of change, not only for government leaders but also for their planning and zoning commissions. Newly-elected village and township board members need to know everything about local government in a hurry, including codes and ordinances, public finance, and open meetings. Appointed commissioners may serve for many years and garner much expertise, but many others retire from public service, move up to elected positions, or move away from the area -- and new community residents take over important planning and zoning functions. How do all our local officials know how to do their jobs?

It is probably safe to say that most learning takes place on the job, and officials quickly learn the ropes by working with staff, attorneys and others in a "hands on" environment. But BACOG also plays a role in helping area officials learn some of the finer points of local government. BACOG provides training and seminars on a wide variety of topics, from orientation to public service, to finance and planning law.

BACOG offered several programs this year for newly-elected and appointed officials. The "Local Officials Training", a program which is often provided after local elections, was held in April 2005. The law firm of Arnstein & Lehr presented a wide range of topics including: powers of the village president, township supervisor, and board trustees; conflicts of interest and confidentiality; and the Open Meetings and Freedom of Information Acts. In a training on September 21<sup>st</sup>, B&F Technical Code and the law firm of Zukowski, Rogers, Flood & McArdle acquainted plan commissioners and zoning board members with community vision and growth management strategies; negotiated agreements; property rights versus public interest; affordable housing; and site plan review.

BACOG also brings together area officials and staff to learn about topics affecting local governments. Representatives from the firms of Chapman & Cutler, and Griffin Kubik Stephens & Thompson, gave presentations in June on borrowing alternatives, legal issues in borrowing for development projects, and credit and risk in bonding. In June, BACOG hosted an American Planning Association live-audio conference on environmental and land-use law for officials and staff. Speakers reviewed important U.S. Supreme Court, federal, circuit, and state court case laws that affect local planning and emerging trends in tools, attitudes, and policies.



Winter 2005/2006

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## Village Vision

*The Vision of Barrington is to preserve and promote its unique small town heritage, preserve its distinct ecological and historical character, provide a moral and safe environment, maintain a high quality of life through the efficient use of community resources, and respond to future challenges through citizen participation in all civic, social and cultural endeavors.*

*The Community is committed to preserving the quality of its neighborhoods, the quality of education, and the diversity of leisure time activities. The community is dedicated to fostering an easily-accessible center of activity for the Barrington area, maintaining a prosperous economic base, protecting its extensive natural resources and promoting public participation and communication.*

## HOT TIPS

**HOLIDAY TRASH/ RECYCLING PICKUP**  
**THANKSGIVING** - Saturday, November 26th  
**CHRISTMAS** - Friday, December 23rd  
**NEW YEAR'S** - Saturday, December 31st and  
Saturday, January 7th

**SNOW REMOVAL TIP**

If you shovel a small area of your parkway along the curb line and opposite the direction of traffic for approximately six to eight feet, less snow will be deposited at the end of your driveway when the plows widen the street from curb to curb.

**REMEMBER TO SHOVEL SIDEWALK**

When a snowfall occurs, keeping the streets, driveways, and walks clear of snow can be difficult. You may not realize it, but Village ordinances require all property owners to clear snow from the public walk in front of their property. Businesses are required to remove any accumulation of 2" or more within 24 hours. Ice debris or other obstructions are not permitted to accumulate.



Please **DO NOT** place garbage can/ recycling containers in the street. An object in the street impedes our ability to remove the snow from streets and gutters which reduce road width and drainage of snow melt.

**Emergency (Fire/Police/EMS) 9-1-1**

**Village Hall .....304-3400**

**Admin. Services ..... 304-3400**

**Building & Planning ..... 304-3460**

**Economic Dev..... 304-3440**

**Fire Dept. ....304-3600**

**Police Dept. ....304-3300**

**Public Works ..... 381-7903**

**Water/Sewer Billing..... 304-3430**

**LEAF BAG PICKUP**

If you need extra leaf bags, they are available at the Barrington Ace Hardware, Northwest Highway or at the Public Works Department, 300 North Raymond Avenue, for \$.25 each or five for \$1.00.

**YARD WASTE PICKUP**

The last day Groot will pick up leaf bags and the "green monster" will be **Friday, December 16, 2005.**

**50/50 TREE PLANTING**

The Village's Tree Planting Program will **NOT** take place this fall; trees will be planted in the spring of 2006.